

## From the Editor

Lots of activity over the past month.

A great club general meeting was hosted by Commander Bob AD7LJ enlightened many members about the functions at the Washington State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray. I had a conflict and couldn't make it, much to my disappointment.

Field Day 2013 is in the books. A successful and fun event it was. We managed to evaluate the functionality of the club and the stations using emergency power. A few operational hurdles were overcome, the food and fellowship was outstanding. See some photos beginning on Page 8. Thanks to all who participated and contributed to the adventure.

Our 'Sunshine Lady' for the past 12 years, Jill K7JIL has turned the reins over to Greta KF7KSW. We're all grateful for the hard work and passion that Jill put into it for over a decade. And although the shoes will be hard to fill, Greta is the perfect choice for the task. Thanks to both of you!

Some discussions were undertaken at the most recent Board meeting held July 3 regarding linking the club's 440.625 repeater with the 2-meter repeater on Tuesday nights for the Club Net. Also, usage of the repeaters for hosting IRLP is under consideration and evaluation. If you have thoughts, ideas, or opinions on these 2 issues, contact any board member.

An article about one of the museums past undertakings can be found in this issue, and it highlights the commitment by the museum committee to help educate and preserve radio communication artifacts, not only for our own membership, but globally.

I hope everyone had a safe and sane Independence Day, and remembered the true heroes who pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to found our nation 237 years ago.



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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**5 June 2013 Minutes**

The 5 June 2013 Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma.

Officers and board members present:

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Secretary    | Larry Watson KD4VOM |
| (Presiding)  |                     |
| Treasurer    | Bob Purdom AC7LJ    |
| Board Member | Bruce Hanson WE7P   |
| Board Member | Al Ferguson N7OMS   |
| Board Member | Glen Galati KA7BOJ  |
| Board Member | Nick Winter K7MO    |

*There were 9 names on the attendance roster*

**Minutes:**

***A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the April 2013 Board meeting as coordinated.***

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** Nick K7MO reports Bill Rohrer W7IJ is dealing with a serious medical issue.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Utility Bills  
Bank Statements  
QEX Experimenters Journal  
Contest Journal  
Newsletters

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** AC7LJ Bob Purdom  
Treasurer's Summary Reports were presented for February, March, April and May

***A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted.***

*Copies of the financial reports are attached to the original copy of these minutes.*

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT:** The Treasurers Financial Review was completed by Chuck Kemmer AC7QN, Pat Wingerter WT7P and Jan Gilbertson, K7HTU. The report identified minor discrepancies. *A copy of the report is attached to the original copy of these minutes.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Larry KD4VOM

The annual Membership Roster Booklets have been completed, printed and mailed to active members.

**RCT Information Technology Committee:** – Randy Myers WB4SBP

Randy provided an update on our computer configuration. The "Mary" computer has been refurbished and is now in the Museum area; The Laptop has been configured with the standard user password access and current utilities installed. A donated XP computer has been configured and will replace the classroom computer which will be relocated to the Administration area upstairs.

Field Day logging software has been installed on HF Room, Lou Room, Classroom, Museum and Laptop computers

The IT committee recommends retiring the "Raul" computer due to its severe limitations.

Randy notes that computers operating on Microsoft's XP operating system will lose any Microsoft security and malware support in April of 2014.

Barcode project: No activity, the possibility of using the Home Inventory Pro software remains a possibility.

The Board agreed with and directed the IT Committee to take the actions they proposed.

The Board also agreed to discontinue the barcode project, leaving the possibility that the property management committee may consider using the Home Inventory Pro software to support the Club's property inventory needs.

**Property Management:** Bruce WE7P reports success in disposition of excess club equipment through the E-Bay process. Sales of a Transceiver and two microphones have brought in around \$ 700.

The Members Only Power supply auction is ongoing, and bid forms are available at the clubhouse.

**The RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA needs your donations...**

**DONATIONS PLAY A BIG PART IN FUNDING THE OPERATION OF RCT. IF YOU HAVE UNWANTED OR UNNEEDED AMATEUR RADIO OR RELATED EQUIPMENT. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT TO THE CLUB**

**Planning Committee Report:** Larry KD4VOM

Progress Summary: No progress since last meeting, conflicting priorities.

The Planning team is evaluating several years of Board extracts relative to Facilities Management, Repeater, and HF Operations and hopes to field a boiled down straw-man list with notional priorities and budget estimates to facilitate discussion and hopefully result in an agreed on plan and budget for the Club.

**HF and Repeater Operations:****Repeater Operations:** Nick K7MO

Nick K7MO announced that he is considering the possibility of moving the Crawford Mountain repeater to the Graham Hill area

He is also working on the upgrade of the 145.21 Bates College repeater.

**HF Operations:** A tri-beam antenna has been erected on the garage in preparation for this year's Field Day operations. Several Stations, including the Lou Room have been reconfigured to better support this year's Field Day operations.

**Facilities Management:** Bruce WE7P reports that the Administration file cabinets have been moved upstairs and used as pedestals for a newly minted desktop for Club administration.

**Training:**

Next Technician Class is scheduled for this weekend, June 8/9.

**Scholarship:** Treasurer Bob Purdom AC7LJ presented the Club's Scholarship Fund Check to ARRL Northwest Division Director Jim Fenstermaker K8JF at this year's SEAPAC ARRL Forum. The Northwest Division Scholarship program supports only the Northwest Division area, requiring a General Class license and engaged in a technical field. The fund recently provided a scholarship to a Bates Technical College student.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Emergency Operations Plan:** KD4VOM reports some progress in EmComm and digital software installation and frequency lists

**Field Day:**

**Operating Class:** Although previous Field Day meetings had resulted in plans to operate on commercial

power, the issues associated with operating in the D category were raised and discussed again. The result was a decision to reconsider and plan to use generator power to support this year's Field Day operations using the installed power transfer capabilities already installed in the clubhouse and loaned generators.

**Band Plan:** The Club now plans to operate 3 HF and one VHF/UHF stations, now using generator power.

**Field Day Training:** This Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm there will be orientation and practice Field Day operations and logging software training with actual contacts using two transmitters operating on dummy loads and the NF3JP logging software.

**Field Day Kitchen:**

Saturday am: The usual Coffee and Donuts

Saturday 5 to 7 pm Potluck

Sunday 7 to 9 am "Loggers Breakfast"

**NEW BUSINESS:** None Reported

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:** None Reported

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None Reported

**ADJOURNED**

**General Meeting Notes  
12 June 2013**

The 12 June 2013 General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. Vice President Casey Hicks WY7V called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Vice President | Casey Hicks WY7V        |
| Secretary      | Larry Watson KD4VOM     |
| Board          | Bruce Hanson WE7P       |
| Board          | James Mendenhall KE6WHN |
| Board          | Al Ferguson N7OMS       |

*A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 38 names on the attendance roster.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was led by Vice President Casey WY7V

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Guest and Self introductions were completed; those with new calls were introduced. **Marshall Collins** passed his license examinations Tuesday, and is awaiting his call.

**Steve Blacksten AD7VL** introduced two visitors from Pierce County Fire District 15, Butch and Mike

The group congratulated **Harry Adams W7HSA** on the occasion of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:** None reported

**Correspondence:**

Newsletters  
Bank Statements  
QSL Cards  
Utility Bills  
Journals, QEX, Contesting  
Membership Renewals

**Treasurer:** No Report – the Field Day Pig was circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Training:** TBD

**VE Report:** For John AC7WW by KD4VOM  
Not an overflow crowd however, the VE Team of the radio Club of Tacoma hosted fifteen candidates June 11 at the clubhouse. Twenty nine elements were graded with 17 being passed. Nine new Technicians and three candidates that passed Element one and two to become General class joined the amateur ranks. Two candidates upgraded to General. One candidate failed to earn an initial license.

Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Leonard, KA7NWF | Jan, K7HTU  |
| Jon, AD7AW      | Rich, KK7VH |
| Bob, KE7WPK     | Jim, N7RHX  |
| Stephen, AD7AB  |             |

The next monthly scheduled testing session will be Tuesday July 9th, 2013.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Field Day:** N7OMS provided an update. Field Day this year will be conducted at the Club's clubhouse facility. A team is working to be ready to operate off of commercial power, and expect to operate 3 or 4 HF and one VHF/UHF station.

There will be the usual Field Day Kitchen, Coffee and donuts, and afternoon pot luck, and on Sunday, the traditional "Loggers Breakfast".

Here's a link to the ARRL Field Day Booklet and rules: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2013/2013-FD-Packet-V3.pdf>

**Property Management:** The Members Only Auction for a Collins SB 220 Linear RF Amplifier continues. Bid forms and deposit box are at the Clubhouse. Bids will be opened at noon, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Announcement:** Mike W7XTZ reports that the Library Administration room will not be available for the 26 June meeting date. There was discussion about asking Bates Technical College to see if we could meet there.

**W7DK@the Fair:** Stephen Morton AD7AB is soliciting sign ups for this year's "W7DK at the Fair". The Radio Club of Tacoma has a unique opportunity to present and promote the Radio Club of Tacoma and Amateur Radio to the thousands of visitors to the Fair. The four hour tour signup sheet is on the W7DK.org website. Serving a tour is rewarding, and also provides a free ticket to the Fair. Stephen is also looking for four or five folks who can help with the design and setup of the Fair Booth. Steve can be contacted through the W7DK.org website or by email at:

semorton@harbornet.com  
ad7ab@w7dk.org

**Open House Hosts:** Volunteer hosts are needed for the Club's Saturday Open House. Contact any Board member.

**SEAPAC:** Bob Purdom AD7LJ presented a substantial check from the RCT to the ARRL Northwest Division Scholarship Program

**RCT Picnic:** Casey WY7V announced this year's Picnic will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, 11 July. Volunteers are solicited to help with setup, cooking, etc. Plans are to use an outside canopy and BBQ.

**APRS:** Larry KD4VOM reports that Summits On The Air (SOTA) aficionado Bruce Pryor N7RR and his brother planned to activate a summit on Mt St Helens on June 9<sup>th</sup>. As they made their ascent from the high camp, they ran into high winds and whiteout weather conditions. No Cell Phone service existed, so they reported their situation and change in plans via APRS email message to friends and family. Ham Radio can be handy.

**PROGRAM:** "A VISIT TO MARS" – The Military Amateur Radio System Vietnam era Video.

**"STRING THEORY":** A homebrew short video was presented by Mike Elwell W7GHW.

**SHOW AND TELL:** None reported

**TUNING AND TRAFFIC:** Al AC7BU reported on his recent exploration of remote operations with W7IJ Bill Rohrer

**DOOR PRIZES:** Heidi Holme picked up a volt-ohm meter, while Rick N7YFE picked up a soldering iron.

**RAFFLE PRIZE:** None tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

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### General Meeting Notes 26 June 2013

The 26 June 2013 General Membership meeting was held at the Washington State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray. .

Secretary Larry Watson KD4VOM called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Officers and board members present:

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was led by Secretary Larry KD4VOM.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Guests and Self introductions were completed; those with new calls were introduced.

**ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:** Steve Blacksten reported on recent medical issues with Dale Morrison AD7SQ and his XYL Ingrid.

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Memberships

**Treasurer:** Field Day Pig surrogate was circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Training:** Stephen AD7AB announced that the next Technician's class will be held on 5 & 6 October

Stephen is also ginning up a General Class and is seeking Extra Class licensees to help teach the program.

The next monthly scheduled testing session will be Tuesday July 9th, 2013.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Field Day:** Field day is now in the history book. We thank those who gave of their time and talents to make this year's Field Day a success.

Operating from the Clubhouse presented multiple challenges, but time and ingenuity solved all the knotty problems. We operated in class 4E, and enjoyed the traditional potluck and "Loggers" breakfast. We had one day of perfect weather, and then next reminded us that we live in the Pacific Northwest.

Randy WB4SBP provides the following preliminary Field Day summary:

### **QSOs:**

230 CW (460 points)  
60 Digital (120 points)  
421 Phone (421 points)-

**711 Total (1001 QSO points)**



**Power multiplier = 2**

**Score before bonus points: 2002**

**Bonus points:**

100% emergency power (4 transmitters \* 100 = 400)

Media publicity (100)

NTS message to ARRL SM (100)

Copied W1AW Field Day Bulletin (100)

Formal NTS message traffic (7 messages \* 10 points = 70)

Score submitted online (50)

**Total bonus points: 820**

**Total score: 2822**

**Operators:**

AD7AB WB4SPB KD7UAN KR7W KF7SCB  
KE7WPK

KA7NWF AE7BM KC7DUU N7OMS W7MWF  
W7GHW

KE7PVZ AD7EU K7TMW W7XTZ AF7ST WT7N  
WE7P

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**PROGRAM: AN ORIENTATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER,** Bob Purdom AD7LJ

Bob provided an extensive and detailed presentation of the mission, capabilities and operations of the State Emergency Operations Center, and hosted tours of various elements of the Center, including the Amateur Radio Station

**SHOW AND TELL:** None reported

**TUNING AND TRAFFIC:** None reported

**DOOR PRIZES:** Ollie Bond AD7CC picked up to-night's Door Prize a Solar Garden and flashlight

**RAFFLE PRIZE:** None conducted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm



Part of the forest of antennas at the W7DK Clubhouse in use during Field Day 2013. Field Day Photos Courtesy Randy WB4SPB, Larry KD4VOM & Mike W7MWF

## W7DK Helps Fund the ARRL Northwestern Division Scholarship Program

Recently, the RCT Board of Directors evaluated the condition of the RCT Scholarship Program. The amount of money in the RCT fund was not sufficient to generate enough interest earnings to permit awarding a scholarship on a regular basis. Since the funds were escrowed for scholarship use only, the Board concluded that RCT would donate what funds we held to the recently-established ARRL NW Division Scholarship Program. We will no longer need to administer scholarship applications, and will encourage potential donors to support the NW Division program on behalf of W7DK..

Pictured to the right are Club Treasurer Bob AD7LJ presenting the check for \$3225.78 to ARRL NW Division Vice Director Jim Pace K7CEX and Division Director Jim Fenstermaker K9JF at the SeaPac event.



June 19, 2013

Radio Club of Tacoma  
PO Box 11188  
Tacoma, WA 98411-0188

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ARRL Foundation thank you so much for your 2013 contribution of \$3,225.78 for the Northwestern Division Scholarship Fund.

Your generous gift that supports the key missions of the ARRL Foundation to award scholarships to young radio amateurs who are pursuing higher education and to provide project grants to Amateur Radio organizations that seek to promote the Amateur Radio service.

Best 73,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Frenaye".

Tom Frenaye, K1KI  
President  
ARRL Foundation







## A Tale of Two Museums

What possible connection could the Museum of Reconstruction in Hammerfest, Norway have with the Doc Spike W7OS Radio Museum?

The museum in Hammerfest, pictured to the right, tells the story of how the northernmost part of Norway was forcibly evacuated and burned to the ground in late 1944 and early 1945, and how people came back and started to rebuild their towns, fishing villages and country hamlets.

Through the diligent efforts of several club members and the W7OS Museum committee, a historical radio that tells a part of the story of World War 2 was donated from excess museum inventory and is now part of the permanent display honoring the adversity the Norwegians experienced.

Bob, K7MXE, who visited the museum last year, tells the story.

“Have you ever been curious about what the museum does to keep the history of radio communications alive, not just for club members, but for the world in general?”

One example of the global impact that our museum committee has accomplished is the story of the K62 Nora Radio produced in Nazi Germany during World War II.”

It seems that Steve AD7VL spotted the K62 Nora headed for someone's trash heap and rescued it.



The museum committee, led by Rich KR7W identified and evaluated the radio. It was determined that it was not the character or quality of an item for display in the W7OS museum, but was of significant enough historical value that it needed a home that could help tell its story.

Bob continues, “Their whole town (and most of Norway) was burnt to the ground as the Germans left and just a few things exist of Pre WW2 days. I remember a barber chair and some furniture which had been buried were on display. And a few musical instruments taken by the Germans had shown up elsewhere after the war. Hammerfest is way North about 71 degrees (Point Barrow Alaska).”

Good job, gentlemen. Your foresight and efforts surely helped preserve an item of historical significance to the people of Norway.



Editors note: The K62 pictured at left is the radio donated by the W7OS Museum. Research reveals that it was manufactured in Berlin in 1942-43.

The “Nora” is a five-tube superhetrodyne receiver with 6 tuned am circuits, and was capable of picking up broadcast, shortwave, and longwave transmissions.

The large wooden case also provided housing for the loudspeaker and for batteries for off-grid usage.

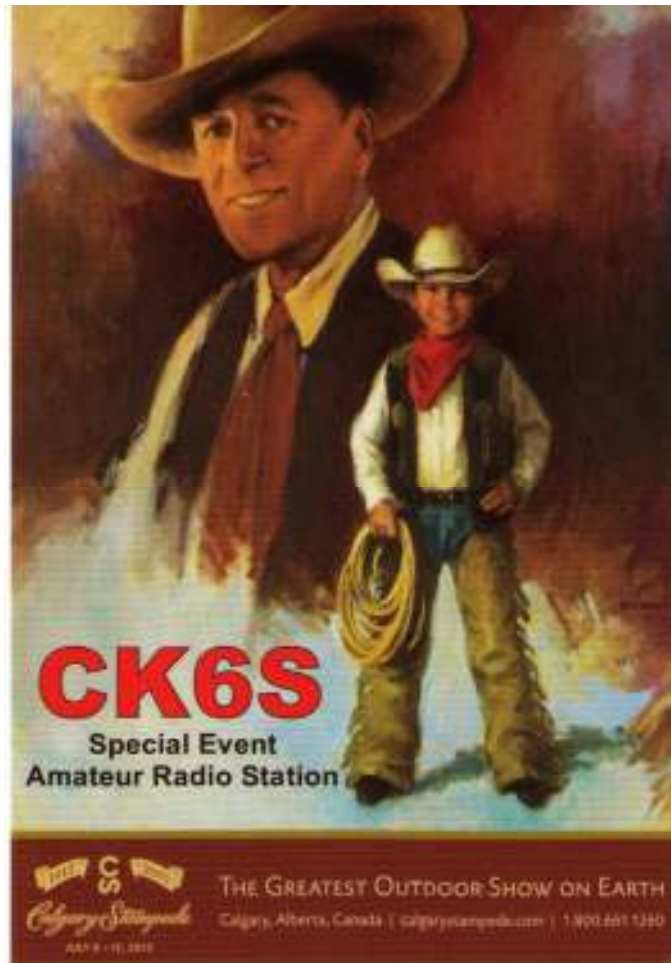




The Bark is again pleased to feature several QSL cards from the extensive collection of Harry N7DOE. Thanks Harry for so graciously sharing some of your cards with us.

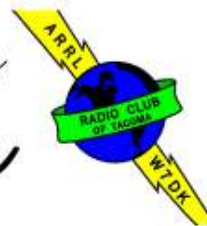
This month's cards are from stations in Calgary (where the 2013 Stampede is underway this week), and from Jack and Andy Yatskiv in Michurinsk, Russia,

All club members are invited and encouraged to contribute cards, photos, stories, opinions, observations, or other tidbits for publication in The Bark.





*The Radio Club of Tacoma's*  
**Logger's Bark**



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### *Radio Club Repeaters*

**Central Tacoma:** 147.280 + PL=103.5

**Crawford Mountain (SE Thurston County):** 147.380 + PL=103.5

**Central Tacoma:** 440.625 + PL=103.5

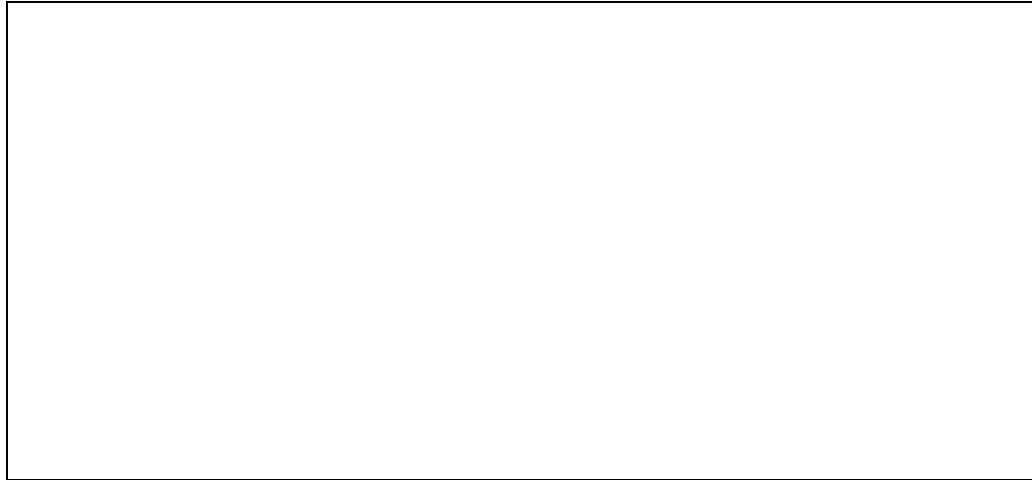
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**Remember - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website [w7dk.org](http://w7dk.org). Be sure to enroll as a member to see all the info.**

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***The Loggers Bark***  
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**To RCT Member:**



## Upcoming RCT Events

**CLUB MEETINGS:** Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Board Meeting:** First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

**Bark Deadline:** Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

**Check into the weekly two meter net:** Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

**Check into the weekly 10 meter net:** Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .